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Subject: AUSTIN AVENUE MEETINGS

Two meetings were held on the evening of 3/1/94 at the Lansdowne Boro Hall to advise the affected property owners and the public officials of the revised PRAP. Those present for the meeting included Leanne Nurse, Chris Thomas, Hal Yates, Bill Belanger, Andy Goldman, Walter Lee, and myself of EPA; Christine Milligan of USACE; George Danyliw, Kevin Hess, and Andy Hartzel of PADER.

The meeting with the owners took place at 6-8 pm. The meeting with the public officials went from 8-10:30. There was much more agreement with this revised PRAP than there had been on the previous (7/93) PRAP. However, two property owners whose houses are proposed for repairs expressed that they would prefer either onsite rebuilding or offsite relocation. They cited perceived problems with the government's ability to completely decontaminate the properties, and with their abilities to sell their houses.

The public officials expressed that they were very concerned that there would be too many vacant lots left in the municipalities if the property owners should choose the offsite relocation option. They also expressed their belief that, at the point at which the owners would choose between rebuilding onsite and offsite relocation, those owners would not have enough information regarding what type(s) of structures might be available to them for the purposes of rebuilding onsite. They believe that, because of that lack of information, more of the owners would choose offsite relocation.

EPA advised that both the owners and the public officials should express their concerns in writing during the PRAP comment period.

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